



Northgate News sheet

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News and Events for Warwick Methodist Church, Northgate

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See over the page for your letter from Sally.....

TLC (Tuesday, Laughter & Chat)

Every Tuesday at 10.30am.

Join us for fellowship over a cuppa on a Tuesday morning. We hope to develop this into opportunities for craft, board games and any other activities that our regulars request.



As Guild has not restarted on a Wednesday evening, there is an opportunity to hold a similar group on a Tuesday afternoon, we just need someone to organise the speakers.

On the first Tuesday of each month **Bread Church**, followed by lunch, will be part of our offering. Bread Church starts on Tuesday 7th December. Come and share fellowship, make bread. Lunch is served at 12 noon.

**BREAD
CHURCH**

Everyone is welcome



Saturday 4th December "A Christmas Cracker"

10-12 noon in the Northgate Community Centre



Charity Christmas Cards, Tradecraft cards & Gifts, second-hand books and jigsaws for sale.

Barbara Meddoms has been making things all through lockdown so has lots to sell. Proceeds from Barbara's stall{s} are to Myton Hospice. Lots of bags and cot quilts / play mats. Come and browse and do some Christmas shopping!

Mulled Fruit Punch, tea and coffee for sale.

Please note that we have plenty of second hand books, but if you have jigsaws to donate do please drop them off to us!

Come and enjoy a festive and fun morning!



Ministers Letter



Hello everyone, my warmest greetings to you all,

Well, the nights are suddenly rather dark, the temperatures are significantly cooler, and the weather seems to have been rather grey and drizzly for quite a few days now. Additionally, many of us are warily watching the news, as the pandemic situation, whilst undoubtedly easier than this time last year, has by no means gone away. I'm sure I can't be the only one wondering what the next few weeks and months will bring. It's easy for our spirits to be dampened along with the weather.

Yet in a few weeks we will have had the shortest day, and not long after that we will begin to see snowdrops and crocuses begin to poke through the brown earth. What an extraordinary planet we are privileged to inhabit! 'God's re-creation of the new day' is happening every heartbeat of our lives. Soon we will be able to celebrate the birth of God's most wondrous creation, a fragile baby who carries the hope and salvation of the world.

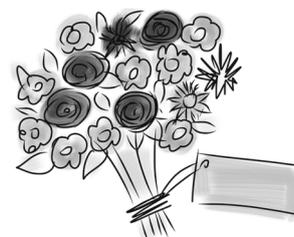
But until that time, whilst we wait in the darkness, whilst we prepare, let's fix our eyes on the sparks of life and of re-creation that crackle all around us. Faith, hope and love, the fortitude of friendship, the joy of human relationships, the astonishing gift of prayer, the song of the seasons, and much, much more – all these are ours, through the dynamic God who becomes us and takes our place. How can we ever say "thank you" enough?

May we all sense the brilliant presence of the God of all peace and comfort surrounding us as we journey on.

With my love, and every blessing,

Sally

Flowers



For many years, Barbara Meddoms has organised the flower arranging rota and the donation calendar and she is now retiring from the administration. However, she will still be producing some beautiful flower arrangements and banners. I am taking over the administration and would like to express of big thank you to Barbara for all she has done to keep our church looking beautiful.

Because of a shortage of flower arrangers, we are no longer able to continue with a new pedestal arrangement of fresh flowers each Sunday. So we will be doing things differently and experimenting with different displays. Sometimes we will have fresh flowers and sometimes silk flower arrangements, sometimes a vase of flowers and sometimes potted plants. We will be trying out new things.

Barbara has produced a lovely arrangement of Remembrance poppies for November. So now, for Advent and Christmas, I need ideas and help. I would like to decorate the church on the afternoon of Thursday 25th November with a display to last the whole Christmas period. I am thinking of a Christmas tree or two, lights and nativity scenes as well as the usual Advent ring. Anyone who would like to help, with ideas, donations and/or setting up decorations, please talk to me or Susan Dodds.

Sylvia Fair

Christmas Services

We look forward to being able to celebrate Christmas together this year,
and our services are as follows:

28th November 10:30am Advent 1 - Civic Service



5th December 10.30am Advent 2 - Gift Service - ***further details please see note below*

12th December 3.30pm Advent 3 - Carol Service

19th December 10:30am Advent 4

24th December 11.30pm Midnight Communion

25th December 10.30am - Christmas Morning



26th December **NO** service.

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2nd January 10:30am Covenant Service followed by a Faith Lunch

**** Gift Service** - *Donated gifts will go to Homewood and Foodbank. Suggested gifts toiletries, special biscuits, chocolates [Foodbank], as well as your usual foodbank donations. For further details please speak to one of the Stewards*

Help Wanted

As church activities open up again we are acutely aware that we have lost several key people from our fellowship; some have moved away to be nearer family members and others have sadly died. This means that there are fewer volunteers than we had before the pandemic, and we would welcome any offers of help that you can make. The needs include:

- Someone to be responsible for updating the website notifications each week (could be shared)
- People to join a small group to look at all communication matters
- People to help serve coffee after church on a Sunday morning (speak to Sylvia Fair)
- People to help at TLC on a Tuesday morning; this might be with coffee, craft or games, or just to be willing to chat to anyone who joins us.
- People with ideas for outreach activities.
- Someone who would be prepared to look at our bid to become registered as an Eco church.

Anne Oliver - Senior Steward



Check out the website for latest news and information

www.warwickmethodistchurch.org.uk



FRIENDS OF HOMEWOOD

Christmas Fair

In aid of Homewood Methodist Home

Saturday 27th November— 11:00am to 2:30pm

at Dale Street Methodist Church

Cakes, mince pies, raffle and tombola, light lunches

Entrance 50p

Date for your Diary - 12th—13th February Thanksgiving Weekend

This is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those loved ones that we lost during the pandemic, particularly when we couldn't give them a "Proper send-off".

Join us for a time of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never fails.

Computer games break, chocolates soon vanish, Christmas trees drop their needles, but the gift of LOVE endures forever.

*Love is not just for Christmas, it lasts the whole year through.
Christ is not just for Christmas, He wants to stay with you forever.*

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**May you all have a Blessed Christmas, with love and peace to you all
for the New Year and 2022**

